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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the examiner and his supervisor for the interview on September 15, 2004. During the interview Applicant explained that the cited reference USP 5,559,975 does not disclose upper bits which indicate a position of a processing packet in a memory. Applicant also explained that the cited reference USP 5,559,975 does not disclose the lower bits which indicate a position of the target instruction in the processing packet. The cited reference USP 5,559,975 discloses upper and lower bits used in ROPs. And the lower bits are generated by the instruction decoder 108. Therefore, the lower bits are not used before the process of the instruction decoder 108. Therefore, instructions stored in the external memory 101 are not indicated by the combination of the upper and lower bits. The Examiner suggested several amendments to claim 47. It is Applicant's understanding that the Examiner agreed that the claims as amended overcomes USP 5,559,975.

I. Introduction

Claims 2-11 and 49 are pending in the above application.

Claims 2-11 and 49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claims 49 is the independent claim.

II. Amendments

Claim 49 has been amended to more particularly point out that which Applicant regards as the invention therein.

Claims 50-51 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

No new matter has been added.

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III. Prior Art Rejections

Claims 2-11 and 49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being anticipated by USP 5,559,975.

It is Applicant's understanding, that the above rejections will not be maintained against the above amended claims, based on the discussions in the interview. Accordingly, no further response is believed to be necessary at this time.

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IV. Conclusion

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claim is in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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